

# **Arizona Office of Tourism - Travel Deals**

How to use the new Travel Deals section on arizonaguide.com.

As part of the Arizona Office of Tourism's goal to increase visitation to the Grand Canyon State, the former website, ArizonaVacationValues.com, was redesigned and enhanced for both consumers and constituents.

This outline will show you, our constituents, how to access the new Travel Deals administration site, how to post a deal, how to search for a deal and how to use the Combinable Offers section as well as several other tips.

If you have any questions about the new Travel Deals section on arizonaguide.com, please email us at <a href="mailto:traveldeals@azot.gov">traveldeals@azot.gov</a>.

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### **Travel Deals Administration Site**

To access the Travel Deals Administration Site, go to the Arizona Office of Tourism's business-to-business site at <a href="http://www.azot.gov">http://www.azot.gov</a>.

Once there, click on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) link in the navigation titled 'Travel Deals.'



After clicking on 'Travel Deals', a new page will load, displaying an expanded menu in the navigation.



### **New Users**

If you are a new user to the site, click on the 'Request a Constituent Login' link to request a new Travel Deals login. (If you were an active member of ArizonaVacationValues.com, your email address is still valid on Travel Deals)

On this expanded menu, click on 'Constituent Login' to login into your account.

### Logging into Your Travel Deals Account

Once on the Constituent Login page, enter your email address and password to access your account.



#### **Passwords**

To enhance the security features of Travel Deals, updates to our password policy have been applied to all accounts. Your email and password from ArizonaVacationValues.com is valid on the new Travel Deals section.

### Less Than 4 Characters:

If your password was less than 4 characters, it has been reset to a secure password containing more than 4 characters. To retrieve this password, simply click on the link titled 'Retrieve Password' and follow on the on-screen instructions. Note that for security reasons, passwords can only be emailed to the email address on file.

#### **Greater Than 4 Characters:**

If your password was greater than 4 characters, no changes have been made to your account.

### I Can't Remember My Password

To retrieve a lost password, simply click on the link titled 'Retrieve Password' and follow on the on-screen instructions. Note that for security reasons, passwords can only be emailed to the email address on file.

### Personnel Change

If your organization has completed a personnel change and needs to update the contact information for an account, please send a request to <a href="mailto:traveldeals@azot.gov">traveldeals@azot.gov</a> with the subject line 'Personnel Change.'

## Request a Constituent Login

If you are new to the Travel Deals site, you can request a login by clicking on the 'Request a Constituent Login' page.



Once on the 'Request a Constituent Login' page, simply fill out the form to request a login.

All login requests will be received and approved by the Arizona Office of Tourism.



### **Your Account**

Once you have successfully logged into your Travel Deals account, you will be directed to the main account page.



The main account page will display the information that you have submitted for your account.

In addition, the main account page will also list any Travel Deals that are related to your account under the 'Related Deals' section.



Once logged into the Travel Deals administration section, you can now view or edit the existing Travel Deals in your account as well as create new Travel Deals.

## 'Edit Deals' Page Overview

The Edit Deals page allows you to create new Travel Deals as well as view or edit existing Travel Deals.



### **Editing an Existing Travel Deal**

Please note that editing an existing Travel Deal will cause the Travel Deal to be re-submitted for approval, regardless if the Travel Deal was previously approved.

The Edit Deals page has 3 main sections; an 'Add New Deal' link, a Travel Deal search box and listings of all your Travel Deals.



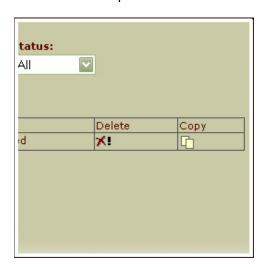
How to add a new Travel Deal is covered later in this document.

The Travel Deal search box allows you to search for a specific deal by the Deal Title. A helpful feature if you have numerous Travel Deals in the system.

The Travel Deal Listings section shows the Title, Status, Delete (option) and Copy (option) for all of your Travel Deals.

## Using the Copy Button

The 'Copy' button in the Travel Deals Listing section on the Edit Deals page is a helpful tool when you have to create another Travel Deal using similar information or content from a previous deal.



To create a new Travel Deal using the content from an existing Travel Deal, simply find the deal you would like to copy and click on the 'Copy' icon associated with that Travel Deal.

After clicking that link, the Travel Deals system will create an identical Travel Deal (from the Travel Deal you copied) and allow you to begin editing the deal.

Once you have completed editing the new Travel Deal, simply submit the Travel Deal for approval.

### Copying a Travel Deal

Please note that copying an existing Travel Deal will not affect the Travel Deal that is being copied. That deal will remain in its current status, whether active, expired or rejected.

#### **Do Not Duplicate Travel Deals**

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## **Creating a New Travel Deal**

To create a new Travel Deal, click on the 'Add New Deal' link located at the top of the Edit Deals page.



After clicking on the 'Add New Deal' link, you will be directed to the Edit Deal (Create a New Deal) page.



The Edit Deal (Create a New Deal) page contains complete explanations of requirements for each field on the page.

Complete the Edit Deal (Create a New Deal) form and click 'Insert' to submit your deal.

#### **Address Field**

Upon entering the page, you will notice that the Company, Address, Address 2, City, State and Zip Code field are pre-populated for your convenience. This address is pulled directly from the address on your account.

If necessary you can overwrite the pre-populated address in this section.

The address listed on the Edit Deals page will be visible to the public and will generate a Google Map of the address.

Additionally, you can leave the address field blank so that no address is displayed to the user.



### **Deal Title**

The Deal Title is the **most important piece** of your Travel Deal. It is the main piece of information that users can see while searching for a Travel Deal.

- Make sure that your Deal Title is descriptive and specific for your deal.
- Using the proper name of your location/hotel in the Deal Title will help prospective travelers find your information.
- Do not use all caps when typing a Deal Title.

### Deal Start Date / Publish Start Date

Please pay special attention to the Deal Start Date and the Publish Start Date.

The Deal Start Date is the actual dates that your deal is valid for purchase from your organization.

The Publish Start Date is the actual days you would like your deal published on the Travel Deals section. Please note that you should take into consideration the 2-3 days required to approve any deals when selecting your Publish Start Date.

### Related Business(es)

Browse the list for the business you are creating the Travel Deal for. If the business is listed, selected it from the list.

For example, if you are creating a Travel Deal for the Arizona Biltmore, you would search the list for the 'Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa' and, once found, would select it from the list.

If you cannot find your business, leave the field unselected. Leaving this field unselected will not affect the listing of your Travel Deal.

## **Promotion Categories**

Similar to Arizona Vacation Values.com, the new Travel Deals site will be highlighting special promotions throughout the year, such as Valentines Day Specials, Spring Training Specials, etc.

If your Travel Deal qualifies for a special promotion category, you may select it from the list.

Please note that all Travel Deals with a special promotion category selected, will be checked for accuracy.

### **Combinable Travel Deals**

The Combinable Travel Deals section has been created to encourage **cooperation** and partnership throughout the Arizona travel industry.

Combinable Travel Deals are offers from other hotels / businesses which are available to create a **travel package**. Using this page, you can search for combinable offers that are of similar interest, in your area or would compliment your existing offer. Once you have found a complementary offer, you can then email the contact person to set-up further discussions.

## Example:

You are a hot air ballooning company who has several offers available in the Sedona area posted in the Travel Deals section. You could select the 'Combinable Offer' box when you post your deals. With this box selected, registered Travel Deals partners could see which combinable offers you have available. Then, a hotel property in Sedona could contact your company to create a combined offer with both the hot air balloon ride and accommodations included in the package.

Research shows consumers are constantly seeking out package opportunities that make their trip planning easier. This feature is a great way to foster relationships with other businesses in your community to offer consumers the packaged experiences they are looking for.

Please note, that the actual combination of the deal, including how to divide revenue as well as the listing of offers is the responsibility of the participating partners.